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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Organization of work

Note by the Secretariat

1. The Secretariat submits herewith, for consideration, a proposed programme of work for the first session of the Committee on Natural Resources, taking into account the time available and the conference services allocated to the Committee (see annex below).

2. The present schedule should be considered tentative and indicative. In order to utilize the time available to the Committee in an efficient manner, it is suggested that the delegations wishing to make statements in the general discussion of items of the agenda, should inscribe their names on the list of speakers as early as possible.

3. With regard to the length of statements in the general discussion of the items on the agenda, it is proposed that a 10-minute time-limit be set for the delivery of statements.

4. Two meetings a day with interpretation have been allocated to the Committee (one in the morning and one in the afternoon). These arrangements are reflected in the proposed programme of work.

5. Arrangements have been made to hold morning and afternoon meetings during the session. It is suggested that meetings be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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Annex

PROPOSED PROGRAMME OF WORK

Week of 29 March to 2 April

Monday, 29 March

a.m.		Opening of the session.
	Item 1	Election of Officers.
	Item 2	Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
p.m.	Item 3	Permanent sovereignty over mineral and water resources.

Tuesday, 30 March

a.m.	Item 4	New techniques, including remote sensing, for identifying, exploring for and assessing mineral and water resources.
1 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under items 3 and 4
p.m.	Item 5	Disaster prevention and mitigation in developing and utilizing mineral and water resources.
6 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 5

Thursday, 8 April

a.m. and p.m.	Item 14	Provisional agenda for the second session of the Committee.
	Item 15	Adoption of the report of the Committee on its first session.
		Completion of the work of the Committee

Working Group on Water Resources

Wednesday, 31 March

a.m.	Item 6	Activities of the United Nations system in the field of water resources

Thursday, 1 April

a.m.	Item 7	Matters arising from the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in the field of water resources.
1 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 6

Friday, 2 April

a.m.	Item 8	Issues concerning the sustainable development and use of water resources.
1 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 7

Week of 5 to 8 April

Monday, 5 April

a.m.	Item 9	Cross-sectoral priority programmes for coordinated action by the United Nations system in the area of water resources: (a) Information management (b) Capacity-building for water resources management.
1 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 8

Tuesday, 6 April

a.m.		Adoption of the recommendations and the draft report to plenary.
1 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 9

Wednesday, 7 April

a.m.		Adoption of the recommendations and the draft report to plenary.

Working Group on Mineral Resources

Wednesday, 31 March

p.m.	Item 10	Flow of financial resources and transfer of technology to develop the mineral resources of developing countries.

Thursday, 1 April

1 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 10
p.m.	Item 11	Issues concerning the International Round-table on Mining and Environment, held in Berlin in 1991, and implications of environmental protection and conservation policies and strategies in the mineral sector.

Friday, 2 April

1 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 11
p.m.	Item 12	Small-scale mining activities in developing countries and national legislation regarding enterprises in this area.

Week of 5 to 8 April

Monday, 5 April

1 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 12
p.m.	Item 13	Priority programmes for coordinated action by the United Nations system in the area of mineral resources: (a) Information management (b) Capacity-building for mineral sector management.

Tuesday, 6 April

p.m.	Adoption of recommendations and the draft report to plenary.
1 p.m.	Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 13

Wednesday, 7 April

p.m.	Adoption of recommendations and the draft report to plenary.